

**Testimony of Leo Paul
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Unfunded mandates continue to drive up local costs beyond the control of our small towns and cities. Municipalities are experiencing staggering financial difficulties because of their over reliance on property taxes to pay for essential public services. Given current limited levels of state aid, we must look for ways to provide towns with relief from the unfunded mandates.

Although the state should focus on addressing some of the big cost drivers in our budgets, such as prevailing wage and binding arbitration reform, **I support SB-1112 which will allow towns to post legal notices on websites. This will help reduce costs for our towns and make it easier to provide residents and businesses with important information.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of SB-1112.